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LG GRAY DAVIS SHOWS POLL DATA ON WILSON'S PLAN FOR SPECIAL ELECTION IF GOVERNOR QUILTS.

Editor's note: While three former Calif. Republican Party chairs continue to draft wording for an initiative to force a special election if the governor were to resign or die in office (in Pete Wilson's case, if he were to be on the GOP's '96 presidential ticket), Lt. Gov. Gray Davis(D) has commissioned a poll on this very subject. Here is a brief update & analysis...

...In the May 2nd edition of the L.A. Times, Gov. Wilson was quoted as telling a group of conservatives in Washington DC that this proposed initiative would make its way to the November '96 ballot and it would pass by a 2-to-1 margin. This contradicts an April poll in the San Diego Union-Tribune, showing this proposal losing by a margin of 48% to 34%...

...In the poll commissioned by Davis and conducted by Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin & Assoc. (600 registered voters, Apr. 26-30), Wilson's plan is **crushed**, but we should note that the wording of the poll question is long: *"As you know, under current CA law, if the governor resigns or dies...the LG would automatically take office as governor. There may be an initiative on the ballot next year that would change this succession so that if the governor resigns or dies in office, there would be special election to determine the successor for the rest of the term. Some people say a special would be unnecessary, since the main reason we elect an LG in the first place is so that he or she can step in if something happens. Others say it is only fair to allow voters another say on who actually becomes governor. Which point of view is closer to your own:*

Unnecessary	70%
Only Fair	26%
Don't Know	4%

...FYI: Davis's COS Garry South tells CALPEEK that the level of support for the Wilson plan drops to only 13% when the cost of the special is made known to voters in a *push question*. Those who oppose this proposal call it, "*Wilson's Broken Promise Initiative*." Stay tuned...

HORCHER GETS THE BOOT - BIG TIME; MILLER TO TAKE OVER 60th A.D.; SPEAKERSHIP WARS RESUME.

Editor's note: There were no major surprises in the May 16th recall of Assemblyman Paul Horcher, the Republican-turned-Independent from Diamond Bar. It was the first time since 1914 that a legislator has been recalled. Here is CALPEEK's post-election analysis...

...It was a total blowout, just as most sources and the polling data had indicated. Why this seemed to surprise some Assembly Demos on the morning after is very mysterious, because Demos knew from day one that defeating the recall was an *uphill fight*. The recall was launched after Horcher voted for Demo Willie Brown for Assembly Speaker over GOP Leader Jim Brulte. Horcher's vote *infuriated* GOPers because with Horcher, Assembly Republicans had 41 votes. As of today, with the recall, both parties have 39 members, with 2 vacancies in GOP districts. In other words, there will be a GOP Speaker, but we don't know exactly *when & who* that may be. Time may be working against Brulte because other GOP members have expressed interest in challenging him --- Doris Allen & Bernie Richter --- while others think it will be a Mr. or Ms. "X," an unknown member who is a compromise candidate...

...Horcher was recalled by a 62.55% to 37.45% margin. In raw votes, 34,014 wanted him removed and 20,361 wanted him to remain. That translates to about a 32.5% turnout --- much higher than an ordinary special, but a lower turnout than some had anticipated. GOPers

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flooded the 60th A.D. with 1,000 precinct walkers; Demos had just over 800 volunteers. It was a big win for Gov. Pete Wilson; the Republican Assembly Caucus, led by Brulte; and the CA Republican Party. It also was a big win for recall consultant Wayne Johnson and daily mgr. Jim Camp...

...Taking Horcher's place will be Diamond Bar Councilman Gary Miller. Miller's campaign was directed by Sacto-based McNally-Temple & Assoc. This was Miller's third attempt at moving up the ladder and if you combine all the money he's spent on these elections, Miller has spent well over \$1 million. In the last week of the recall, he spent \$150,000 and blew away his closest GOP rival, community college trustee Barbara Stone, with direct mail, including some good hits ("7 Big Lies" and "Quota Queen"). Sources say when the reports are analyzed, it will show Stone failed to put in the kind of personal funds needed to win this election. And without her own early money, she wasn't able to compete with Miller in chasing absentee voters. Miller ended up with 39.55%; Stone got 32.30%; and Demo Andy Ramirez got 20.73%. There were 3 others in the race, who got a combined 7.4%. Miller led from start to finish and had a 7 point lead on absentees...

...FYI: Demos were hoping that they could keep the recall close --- to say 43-45% for Horcher. Why? To discourage another recall underway against Demo Assemblyman Mike Machado from the Stockton area. The basis of this recall is the same --- Machado's vote for Brown. GOP sources say there may be as many as 22,000 names on recall petitions. The recall is being led by BoE Member Dean Andal(R) and Assemblyman Larry Bowler(R-Sacto), with funding help from State Sen. Rob Hurtt(R-Orange Co.). Why is Hurtt involved? Machado's 17th A.D. is nested inside of Demo State Sen. Pat Johnston's 5th S.D., which is up in '96. P.S. Sources say GOPers have a photo of Machado down in L.A. helping Horcher. Hummm. Stay tuned...

GREAT FLAT TAX FORUM SPONORED BY HJTA.

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Foundation will sponsor The Great Flat Tax Forum, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., May 31, The Reagan Presidential Library, featuring former CA Gov. Jerry Brown, commentator Bruce Herschensohn, Alvin Rabushka of the Hoover Inst., and Joel Fox, president of the HJTA. For info ☎ Chris Vosburgh or Joel Fox at (213)384-9656...

CLINTON/GORE '96 OPEN HEADQUARTERS IN DC.

About three weeks ago, Pres. Bill Clinton and VP Al Gore opened their official campaign HQ in Washington DC. If you need the phone number for the Clinton/Gore '96 HQ, don't call the White House Media Liaison Office like we did. The numb-nuts we spoke to didn't have a clue. Call information. The ☎ is (202) 331-1996. The primary function of the HQ (for now) is fundraising and they **don't** have a press person to answer other inquiries. We did confirm that attorney Terry McAuliffe is the national finance chair for the President's reelection effort. McAuliffe used to work in Century City (L.A.) and was partnered for a time with attorney Peter D. Kelly, former chair of the CA Demo Party. That partnership was desolved and McAuliffe has been in DC for some time, where sources say he has been House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt's top fundraiser. Assisting McAuliffe as national finance director is Laura Hartigan. Stay tuned...

L.A. CITY ELECITONS: THE ENDORSEMENT GAME.

Editor's note: There's about 16 days left until the June 6th runoff in the 5th & 10th Council Districts in L.A. City and about the only news worth reporting are the endorsements. Here's our update and analysis...

...Do endorsements mean anything? Depends on what office is up for grabs. As a general rule (not always), the lower the profile of the office, the more important the endorsement. Overall, the **real value** of an endorsement is free news media coverage...

☒ **5th District** - In the runoff battle between front-runner Michael Feuer and former frontrunner Barbara Yaroslavsky, Feuer backed into endorsements from the L.A. Police Protective League and the United Firefighters of L.A. Both are usually very solid endorsements, but if you look at why they backed Feuer, one has to wonder. The LAPPL is out to get even with Barbara's husband, Zev, who while on the council was hostile toward the LAPPL. As for the Firefighters, BY is right on their issues, but has backing from Mayor Richard Riordan --- and the Firefighters are POed at Riordan's budget cuts. BY's campaign has picked up endorsements from the 3rd & 4th place finishers in the primary, Roberta Weintraub and Jeff Brain. Both are viewed as good because of their links to the important S.F. Valley portions of the 5th. That's where BY needs big help. Many thought Weintraub would remain neut-

ra], but she was attacked by Feuer at the end of the primary. Feuer now says he didn't authorize the hit, but that doesn't wash. BY also got the endorsement of L.A. Co. Sheriff Sherman Block...

☒ **10th District** - While just about every major Black political leader in L.A. has endorsed incumbent Councilman Nate Holden, former L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley has gone the other way and endorsed attorney Stan Sanders. Before his election as mayor, Bradley represented the 10th District on the council. It's a big plus for Sanders. Holden says he was surprised, because he said he had gotten assurances that Bradley would *remain neutral*. Perhaps Nate doesn't remember 1989. It was Holden's campaign which blew the whistle on Bradley and the former mayor's various conflicts. It's not likely that Bradley would forget. Holden got the endorsement of 3rd place finisher Kevin Ross, who got 12%. It's better than a poke in the eye with a sharp stick, but not much more...

...FYI: Next week we'll cover Prop. 1 --- the \$170 million bond measure to build new police facilities. Although no polling has been released, some sources think YES on #1 enjoys very healthy support. However, CALPEEK sources say that former LAPD Chief Daryl Gates will come out OPPOSED to Prop. #1. Stay tuned...

ORANGE CO. UPDATE: DOES MEASURE R HAVE A SHOT AT WINNING; OR IS IT ALREADY TOO LATE?

Editor's note: For those who have been "out of the loop," the news of the past 2-3 weeks coming out of Orange Co. hasn't been real good for backers of a 1/2 cent sales tax initiative (set for a June 27th special election) to help bail O.C. out of its fiscal mess. Here's our update & analysis...

...If you take the news about former O.C. Treasurer Robert L. Citron pleading guilty to 6 felony counts; include the very recent indictment of Citron's top assistant, Matthew Raabe; add to that the recent negative publicity about two of the campaign managers who are heading up the YES on Measure R effort; and then throw in the very recent NO on Measure R position from the influential Lincoln Club of Orange Co., then backers of Measure R are in political hot water...

...The news about Citron has had time to sink in and the general feeling is that Citron's early guilty plea may take

some of the heat off the image-damaged Board of Supes --- and that in turn may help YES on R to some extent. The Board has said repeatedly that if they had had the proper information, they would have acted to correct the situation. Does this fly??? Perhaps...

...As for the more recent news about consultants Bill Butcher and Arnold Forde, two of YES on R's three key consultants, it's really *insider stuff*, but has the potential to be damaging. Although they weren't found guilty of breaking the Political Reform Act or any other law, O.C. Superior Court Judge Donald E. Smallwood ripped Butcher & Forde verbally for their 1986 role in raising money (under false pretenses) for the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn. The HJTA was hit with a heavy fine. There's been lots of ink on this story in Orange Co. (and L.A.) and sources say the YES on R Cmt. just hopes this whole thing will blow over...

...FYI: The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn. has completely severed relations with Butcher & Forde (and Stu Mollrich - the 3rd consultant in the firm, but not part of this legal mess). And in fact the taxpayer group is mailing AV ballot applications to its 16,000 O.C. members, urging a **NO** vote on R...

...Perhaps a bigger problem is the Lincoln Club's decision to oppose Measure R. Sources say because many LC members are key corporate leaders in O.C., this could signal a major split in the business community. Stay tuned...

SILICON VALLEY BUSINESS & LEADERSHIP CONFAB.

A one-day conference sponsored by Foothill College, the Commonwealth Club and the S.F. Chronicle will feature former Presidents George Bush & Gerald Ford; former JCS Chair Gen. Colin Powell; former NY Gov. Mario Cuomo; and Red Cross president Elizabeth Dole, 7 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., May 26, Shoreline Amphitheatre. For info ☎ (1-800-801-3582)...

L.A. CO. MTA's FRANKLIN WHITE TO ADDRESS PAOs.

CEO Franklin White of the L.A. County MTA will address members of the L.A. Public Affairs Officers Assn., 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., May 25, Hotel Inter-Continental, L.A. For info & RSVPs, ☎ Debby Ishihara at MCA, Inc. (818)777-3591...

72nd A.D. SPECIAL: JOHNSON BACKS ACKERMAN.

Editor's note: Gov. Pete Wilson has called a **special election** for July 18th to replace former Assemblyman Ross Johnson(R) of Fullerton, who was sworn into the State Senate on May 11th. Here's a brief update...

...While his old 72nd A.D. seat was still warm, Johnson decided to endorse former Fullerton Mayor Dick Ackerman(R). Johnson thus becomes the 2nd major elected official to endorse Ackerman --- U.S. Rep. Ed Royce(R-Fullerton) being the other one. The other key GOP player already in the 72nd A.D. primary is Yorba Linda Councilwoman Barbara Kiley, one of co-chairs of the YES on 187 campaign. If neither Ackerman nor Kiley get a majority vote in July, a Sept. 12th runoff would be necessary...

...The Johnson endorsement comes at a time when *hardline conservatives* in Orange Co. are urging former Congressman Bill Dannemeyer to jump into this battle. Dannemeyer is from Fullerton and twice has represented the area in the assembly. The general political feeling among hardliners is that Dannemeyer is the only candidate who could win 50% in the primary (thus avoiding a runoff) --- and making it possible for the GOP to have 41 votes by mid summer. According to some new data from Pacific Research Group (300 sample size, likely GOP votes from the 72nd A.D.), Dannemeyer enjoys 96% name ID; and 60% rate him as favorable, 18% unfavorable and 18% have no opinion. Will he run?? One source says it's a 50-50 shot, but others think not, saying that Johnson and Royce would never have endorsed Ackerman unless they were sure Dannemeyer wasn't interested. Stay tuned...

L.A. CO. SUP. ANTONOVICH AT L.A. FORUM EVENT.

L.A. Co. Sup. Mike Antonovich will be the featured speaker of the L.A. Current Affairs Forum, 11:30 a.m. reception, 12 noon lunch, June 2, Hyatt Regency Hotel, downtown L.A. For info ☎ Emma Schafer (310)445-8862...

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FULL METAL JACKET: CCW BILL KILLED BY GOP.

Editor's note: A bill that would allow PIs and bodyguards to *carry concealed weapons* was killed in the Assembly Appropriations Cmt. May 17 when it failed to get needed GOP support. Here is a brief update...

...AB 53 by Willard Murray(D-Paramount) was considered a *must pass bill* by both the gun lobby and PORAC. And the bill was viewed by Gov. Pete Wilson's staff as legislation that he could sign to put him back into the good graces of conservatives who don't especially trust Wilson on gun issues. (And it also might have removed GOP presidential rivals Dole & Gramm off Wilson's back)...

...In addition to backing from the gun lobby and PORAC, 3 GOP Assembly members, including Whip Jim Battin, Brett Grunlund and Tom Woods lobbied for the legislation. But only two GOP members of the committee voted YES: Pringle and Goldsmith. Voting NO were Poochigian, Olberg and Rogan. Abstaining were Aguiar, Brewer and Bordonaro. Considering this bill was needed by Gov. Wilson, it is surprising Chuck Poochigian, who was Wilson's Appointments Secretary last year, would vote against it. The bill may be reconsidered this coming week, but the political damage to some GOPers is already done. Stay tuned...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- A sad note: Dorothy Corey, 93, a pioneer in political research & strategy, died May 13 of a stroke. Still active in her S.F.-based polling firm of Corey, Canapary & Galanis (founded in 1967), she also was the founder of Facts Consolidated in 1941. She did her first political poll back in 1938. Among her past political clients: Richard Nixon, Pat & Jerry Brown and Goodwin Knight. R.I.P...

- Gene Endicott has been named PA mgr. for Hewlett-Packard Co.'s Sacramento area. He was mgr. of H-P's Bay Area Govt. Affairs in Palo Alto...

- Nancy Mooney, ex staffer to Assemblyman Sal Cannella(D-Modesto), has joined the staff of campaign consultant Phil Giarrizzo...